Most Say Sonic Boom Caused Mystery Blast

The unexplained explosion of 10 a.m. Tuesday remained a mystery yesterday, although most who heard it were still convinced it was the sonic "boom" caused by a plane piercing the sound barrier.

What plane it may have been was unkonwn, for both RCAF and USAF spokesmen denied that any of their aircraft had been near Victoria at the time of the blast which startled thousands of people and rattled windows.

Two reports yesterday strengthened the jet theory without identifying the jet.

A resident of Belmont Park, and another of Oak Bay, had the same story to tell. Both heard the blast, both hurried outdoors, and both saw twin vapor trails growing in the sky in the wake of an aircraft too high to be seen.

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Meter Money Plan Loses First Round

Provincial government has declined to introduce an amendment to the Municipal Act to pave the way for Victoria to tie up parking-meter revenue specifically for off-street parking development.

But Mayor Percy Scurrah said yesterday he was not disturbed because "we have other, and we think better, plans for achieving the same result."

WEATHER FORECASTS

Regular weather forecasts for land areas started in Britain and some other countries about 100 years ago.

McEwen Pleads in Vain

Ald. Elmer McEwen retired from a five-alderman court of revision yesterday to appear before the remaining four as E. D. McEwen Ltd., seeking a reduction of business-tax assessment.

In his main argument, however, he failed to convince his colleagues.

He claimed the assessed rental value of his premises, $22,100, should be reduced because actual rentals totalled only $14,400.

But assessor Ronald Wells successfully argued that the assessment was in line with rentals paid for other premises in the immediate area.

"So to make a change, we would have to change the whole structure," said Ald. Geoffrey Edgelow.

On technical grounds, however, assessment on one part of the premises was reduced $940 on the recommendation of the assessor.

EARLY RAILWAYS

Railway companies using wood-burning locomotives operated a total of 1,800 miles in Canada in 1860.

Third Jet Crash Kills Young Pilot

MACDONALD, Man. (CP) —An RCAF student pilot was killed Monday night when a T-33 jet trainer crashed and exploded shortly after taking off from the air force base here. The pilot was on a solo night training exercise.

It was the second T-33 crash of the day in Manitoba and the third in a week. Two air force instructors and a student pilot were killed in the earlier crashes.

Recruiter Appointed

Philip J. Kitley has been named co-ordinator of teacher recruitment, succeeding L. J. Wallace. Mr. Kitley is now director of school radio broadcasts.

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